

B3 which combusts fuel and uses engine oil and which has an exhaust system, wherein the exhaust gas comprises volatile phosphorus compounds, comprising: metering a metal or metal compound for conversion of the volatile phosphorus compound into non-volatile solid compounds in the form of fine inert solid particles into the exhaust gas, separately from the engine oil and the fuel, upstream of the catalyst, wherein the non-volatile solid particles are so fine that they pass unstopped through the entire exhaust system.

2. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the volatile phosphorus compounds in the exhaust gas are removed by reactions of the metal or metal compound which form solid metal-phosphorus compounds with the volatile phosphorus compounds.

3. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein calcium or a calcium compound is used as the metal or metal compound.

4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claims 1 or 2, wherein the metal or metal compound for conversion of the volatile phosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of Li, Na, K, Cu, Ag, Mg, Ca, Zn, Al, Y and rare earth metals and metal compounds.

Cancel claims 5 and 6.

A full set of claims showing the amendments accompanies this amendment.